(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto and what further efforts Government are making to save the silk industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) Government of Karnataka has represented for imposition of ban on import of raw silk. However, in view of fact that ALS|REP schemes are export promotion schemes of Government of India and import of silk under these schemes is allowed only for or against exports of silk items it has not been considered feasible to ban import under these schemes. The fact that silk production in the country has been steadily increasing and prices of silk in the local market continue to rule at remunerative levels reveals that import of raw silk under these schemes does not have an adverse effect on domestic production.

Raids conducted by the Income Tax Department in Bombay

1309. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of companies and premises of Raheja group of companies were raided by the Income-tax Departmtnt, Bombay, recently;

(b) if so, what are the details theeof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Directors of the above group of companies are trying to influence the officials of the Income-tax Department; if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Activities of foreign intelligence agencies along Tripura-Bangladesh border

1310. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken up the matter regarding increasing activities of CIA and other foreign intelligence agencies like British Special Air Services along the Tripura-Bangladeh border with the Bangladesh President during his recent visit to this country;

(b) whether Government have also taken up this matter with the US Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Indianisation of foreign companies

1311. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH:

PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria to judge Indianisation of foreign companies;

(b) in case there is no change in the absolute control over the affairs of the ex-FERA companies by the Principal Companies abroad, whether such a company